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SUBJ: DATE FOR TABLING MTN OFFERS

REF: STATE 298259 AND 299518

1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED QUESTION OF TIMING OF
TABLING SWISS OFFERS WITH APPROPRIATE SWISS
OFFICIALS. WE ARE INFORMED THAT SWISS ARE MAKING
EVERY EFFORT TO MEET MID-JAN DATE BUT ARE
NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE A COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME.

2. SWISS POINTED OUT THAT REQUESTS DID NOT ALL
ARRIVE ON TIME AND THAT PARTICULARLY IN FIELD OF MTNS
AND AGRICULTURE SOME REQUESTS ARE PHRASED IN SUCH
A WAY AS TO MAKE RESPONSE IN TERMS PRECISE OFFERS
VERY DIFFICULT. SITUATION FURTHER COMPLICATED BY
NECESSITY, ONCE TENTATIVE SWISS OFFER LIST COMPLETED,
OF CONSULTING INTERESTED PARTIES, MANY OF WHOM, BECAUSE
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OF XMAS HOLIDAYS, WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR A LARGE
PART OF PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND MID-JAN. NONETHELESS
EVEN IF FORMAL OFFERS CANNOT BE TABLED BY MID-JAN,
SWISS WILL BE IN POSITION TO REVIEW WHAT WILL BE
IN THOSE OFFERS IN DETAIL BY THAT TIME.

3. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATIONS WE PASSED ON OTHER

INFO CONTAINED REFEELS ON NATURE OF JAN 23 SESSION,
ETC.

4. WE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS
PROBLEMS RELATED TARIFF FORMULA WITH SWISS AS
SUGGESTED INNCONVERSATIONS WITH MTN GENEVA DEL.
WE WERE UNAWARE THAT PROPOSALS HAD BEEN MADE TO
SWISS IN WRITING AND WOULD APPRECIATE A COPY OF THOSE
PROPOSALS, TO WHICH THE SWISS SAID THEY WOULD RESPOND
IN WRITING PRIOR TO JAN 1. IN PERSONAL VIEW ONE
SWISS OFFICIAL, SWISS POSITIONS REMAINS AS WE UNDER-
STAND IT ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED. IF COUNTRIES HAVE
INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS IN APPLYING THE FORMULA,
SOME ACCOMMODATION MIGHT BE FOUND IN LONGER STAGING.
SWISS ARE NOT, AS THEY HAVE MADE CLEAR IN PAST,
MARRIED TO FACTOR OF 14 IN THE FORMULA BUT STILL
CONSIDER THAT ONE OF THE FORMULA'S MOST ATTRACTIVE
FEATURES IS THE FACT THAT THIS IS THE ONLY PART OF IT
THAT IS NEGOTIABLE. THIS OFFICIAL STILL FEELS THAT
IF OTHER PARTS OF THE FORMULA BECOME NEGOTIABLE
ITS ADVANTAGES WILL BE LOST, ONE OF WHICH IS THAT
EVEN THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES COULD BE FORMULA
COUNTRIES IF THE STAGING WERE STRETCHED OUT OVER A
LONG ENOUGH PERIOD. THEREFORE, IF THE FACTOR OF 14
IS CHANGED, IT SHOULD BE APPLICABLE TO ALL.

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